

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
CenturyLink)
For Authority to Discontinue Service)
to Portions of Weld County, CO)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules¹, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") applies for authority to discontinue service to a portion of its Eaton-Ault exchange area located in Weld County in the state of Colorado upon approval. CenturyLink has received approval from the Colorado Commission for a local service boundary change with Nunn Telephone, and is also concurrently filing for approval under the Commission's Part 36 rules.² CenturyLink requests authority to discontinue the offering of service in the affected area as of October 17, 2017.

CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

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Monroe, LA 71203

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² In the Matter of CENTURYLINK QC and NUNN TELEPHONE COMPANY, Joint Petition for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36, Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules, CC Docket No. 96-45, filed June 1, 2017.

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

CenturyLink has never provided service to the customer locations within the area being transferred. These customer locations utilize satellite and cellular service for phone and broadband. Nunn Telephone Company will be offering fiber service upon approval of the related exchange boundary transfer. CenturyLink intends to cease offering service in this area at that time, or as soon thereafter as this application is granted. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission approved the transfer on March 2, 2017. (See Attachment 1.)

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue service in portions of its territory located in its Eaton-Ault exchange area served by the Ault/Pierce wire center located in Weld County in the state of Colorado. Attachment 2 provides a map of the Eaton-Ault Exchange. The distinctly identified portions of CenturyLink's territory that are included in the transfer to Nunn Telephone are: Township 8N, Range 67W: Lower ½ mile sections 10, 11, 12; all of sections 13, 14, 15; upper ½ mile of sections 22, 23 and 24; and Township 8N, Range 65W: SE ¼ of section 4.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

CenturyLink offers basic local exchange and related services to the Eaton-Ault exchange area, which currently has four customer occupied locations³ that are affected by the transfer. However, none of those customer locations is taking CenturyLink basic local exchange service or any other CenturyLink services.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

Because none of the customer locations within the transfer area is taking service from CenturyLink, no formal customer notice was given. However, all of the customers were

³ The other locations included in the transfer are either unoccupied residences or residences that are in the process of being constructed.

contacted and in fact all wrote letters of support as part of the Application to Transfer that was granted by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

CenturyLink is a dominant carrier with regard to service in the Eaton-Ault Exchange.

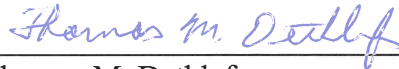
7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CenturyLink has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission in the state of Colorado, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 5, 2017

Decision No. C17-0173

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 16A-0967T

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION
DBA CENTURYLINK QC ("CENTURYLINK QC") AND NUNN TELEPHONE
COMPANY TO REARRANGE THEIR EXCHANGE AREA BOUNDARIES AND TO
DESIGNATE NUNN TELEPHONE COMPANY AS THE PROVIDER OF LAST RESORT.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING JOINT
APPLICATION AND DESIGNATING NUNN TELEPHONE
COMPANY AS A PROVIDER OF LAST RESORT**

Mailed Date: March 2, 2017

Mailed Date: March 1, 2017

I. STATEMENT

1. On December 16, 2016, Qwest Corporation, doing business as CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink QC) and Nunn Telephone Company (Nunn) (collectively, Joint Applicants) filed the above-captioned joint application (Application).

2. On January 24, 2017, Joint Applicants filed an Amendment to the Application.

3. The Commission provided notice of Application on December 19, 2016 and the Amended Application on January 26, 2017. No interventions were filed.

4. The Joint Applicants did not file their direct testimony and exhibits at the time they filed the Application.

5. The Application, as amended, is uncontested. Pursuant to § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., and Rule 1403 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, the uncontested application may be processed under the modified procedure, without a formal hearing.

A. Application

6. This matter is for consideration of the Application filed by the Joint Applicants to revise portions of each company's operating area, to review the associated proposed advice letter filings concurrently with the review of this Application, and to change Nunn's designation as provider of last resort.

7. Joint Applicants propose to transfer portions of the CenturyLink QC territory located in the Ault Exchanges to Nunn. There are distinctly identified portions of CenturyLink QC's territory that are included in the proposed transfer to Nunn: Township 8N, Range 67W; lower ½ mile of sections 10, 11, 12; all of sections 13; 14; 15; and upper ½ mile of sections 22, 23, and 24; and Township 8N, Range 65W; SE ¼ Section of 4.

8. The Application states that no assets will transfer and a total of seven customers and four additional locations will be affected by this transfer. The customers have been notified of the proposed transfer and are in support of this transfer.

9. Joint Applicants indicate that the changes are being requested because CenturyLink QC does not have facilities to provide more than basic service to portions of this area. Due to the fact that the transfer is on the extreme northern portion of CenturyLink QC's Ault wire center that serves the area, and due to the proximity to Nunn's facilities, Nunn believes it can provide service to the area in a more economical manner.

10. Nunn agrees to become the provider of last resort in the newly acquired service territories. The Joint Applicants acknowledge that the exchange boundary rearrangement shall not prohibit competition by either Joint Applicant or its affiliates to provide any telecommunications or information services to any of the customers impacted by the rearrangement, except as otherwise provided herein.

11. There is an acknowledgement made in the Application that if the Commission approves the requested territory exchange, a joint Part 36 Waiver and a Section 214 Application are required to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission for its approval prior to closing the transaction.

12. The Application contains two proposed advice letters and associated tariff sheets that Joint Applicants intend to file, if the Commission approves the request for territory exchange. The filing requests that the Commission approve the contents of the advice letters and tariff sheets and that Joint Applicants be able to file these in compliance with the Commission's order to become effective on not less than two business days' notice after the Federal Communications Commission grants the Part 36 waiver petition.

B. Findings

13. The proposed revisions to the Ault exchange and the rearrangements are not adverse to any customer interests. The implementation of those revisions will not adversely affect the public switched network. Finally, the revisions of the exchanges will not compromise the financial integrity of the providers. Therefore, the proposed revision to the exchange is in the public interest.

14. Consistent with § 40-15-111(2), C.R.S., the Joint Application for the boundary changes of the Ault Exchange should be granted.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Joint Application filed by Qwest Corporation, doing business as CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink QC) and Nunn Telephone Company is granted.

2. Nunn Telephone Company is designated as the provider of last resort in the territory that is received as a part of the transaction.

3. Citing this Decision as authority, CenturyLink QC and Nunn Telephone Company shall each make an Advice Letter and accompanying tariff sheet filing implementing the tariff changes on not less than two business days' notice. The Advice Letter and accompanying tariff sheets shall not be filed until the applicants receive the appropriate Part 36 Waiver for the transaction from the Federal Communications Commission.

4. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the Commission mails this Decision.

5. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 1, 2017.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

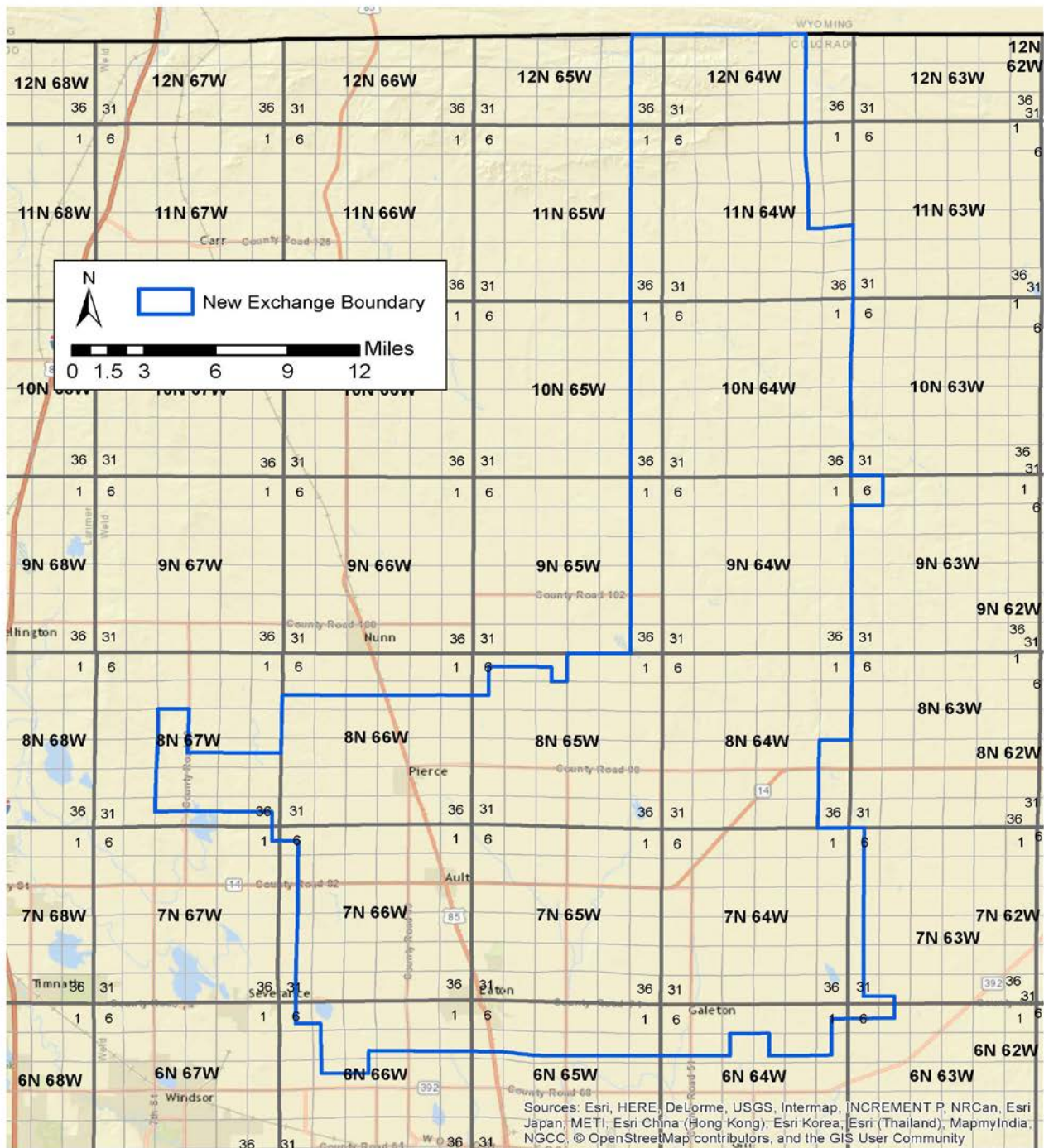
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Eaton-Ault, Colorado Exchange Area



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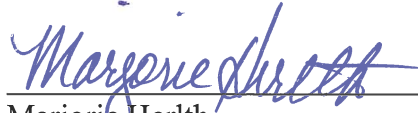
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marjorie Herlth, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

APPLICATION to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS;
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governors of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commissions listed on the attached service list;
- 4) Federally-recognized Tribal Nations with authority over the Tribal lands in which the discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of service is proposed; and
- 5) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



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June 5, 2017

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